

Is Passing the WEST-B Required?

	YES –Required to Pass the WEST-B	NO —Not Required to Pass the WEST-B
1. A person applies to enroll in a Washington teacher preparation program and is officially accepted by the program prior to September 1, 2002 .		No (not yet a requirement)
2. A person applies to enroll in a Washington teacher preparation program and is officially accepted by the program on or after September 1, 2002 .	Yes (Enrolling in an in-state program after Sept 2002)	
3. A person enrolls in another state's program, completes that program (which does not include the WEST-B), and the out-of-state college verifies program completion, but not passing the WEST-B. This person applies for a Residency Teacher certificate before September 1, 2002 .		No (not yet a requirement)
4. A person enrolls in another state's program, completes that program (which does not include the WEST-B), and the out-of-state college verifies program completion, but not passing the WEST-B. This person applies for a Residency Teacher certificate on or after September 1, 2002.	Yes (This person may apply for a teaching permit and will have one calendar year to pass the WEST-B from the date of issuance of the permit.) **	
5. A person completed a Washington program before implementation of the WEST-B, then was issued either the Provisional certificate or the Initial certificate. Now this person applies for conversion to the Residency Teacher certificate.		No (Not considered an out-of-state applicant)
6. A person completed another state's teacher preparation program, applied for a Washington certificate, and received an Initial Teacher certificate. Now the person applies on or after September 1, 2002 for conversion to the Residency Teacher certificate.		No (Not considered an out-of-state applicant)

7. A person completed a Washington teacher preparation program before September 1, 2002, then did not apply for certification. Now that person applies for a Residency Teacher certificate on or after September 1, 2002.		No (Not considered an out-of-state applicant)
8. A person held a Washington certificate other than a teaching certificate (vocational, ESA, limited), then completed a teacher preparation program in another state , now applies for a Residency Teacher certificate on or after September 1, 2002.	Yes (Considered an out-of-state applicant. See #4 for one year period of time allowed) **	
9. A person held a Washington certificate other than a teaching certificate (vocational, ESA, limited), then applies to a Washington teacher preparation program on or after September 1, 2002.	Yes (Enrolling in an in-state program after Sept 2002)	
10. A person enrolls in another state's program, completes that program (which does not include the WEST-B), and the out-of-state college verifies program completion, but not passing the WEST-B. This person applies directly for a Professional Teacher certificate on or after September 1, 2002 (for those with National Board Certification or who are from a state with whom Washington has reciprocity for the second level teaching certificate).		No (Not applying for the Residency Teacher certificate)
11. A person enrolls in another state's program, completes that program (which does not include the WEST-B), and the out-of-state college verifies program completion, but not passing the WEST-B. This person applies directly for a Substitute Teacher certificate (rather than the Residency Teacher certificate) on or after September 1, 2002.		No (Not applying for the Residency Teacher certificate)

**** Beginning May 1, 2004, certain out-of-state applicants may be exempted from the WEST-B requirement by WAC 181-01-002**

WAC 181-01-002 WEST-B Exemptions. Individuals from out of state applying for a Washington State residency teaching certificate under WAC 180-79A-257(1)(b), in lieu of passing the WEST-B, may provide official documentation of scores on the Praxis I of 177 for the reading subtest, 176 for the mathematics subtest and 174 for the writing subtest, or passing scores from California or Oregon on the CBEST.

Summary:

- **Residency Certificate Program enrollment** – If applying for enrollment in a Washington teacher preparation program, the candidate must take and pass the WEST-B.
- **Out-of-state applicant for Residency Certificate** – If considered an out-of-state applicant after Sept 1, 2002, the applicant has up to one calendar year to take and pass the WEST-B. During that year he/she may receive a permit and become employed, but may not receive a certificate until the test is passed.